

Name of Victim From Fatal Motorcycle Crash Released

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The motorcyclist who lost his life in an accident involving a deer on Cascade Lakes Highway August 9th has been identified as Friedhelm Andresen of Negerbotel, Germany. According to a news release from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Andresen's family was notified with the assistance of the German Consulate.

Andresen struck a deer and was killed on Cascade Lakes Highway near Wickiup Reservoir, milepost 56, just before 10 a.m. August 9.

According to Lt. Erik Utter of the Sheriff's Office, deputies arrived at the scene to find the rider of a 1995 Harley Davidson motorcycle lying on the east shoulder of the highway. Preliminary investigation suggested Andresen was traveling north on the highway and hit an adult deer in the middle of the northbound lane of traffic. Skid marks indicated the victim unsuccessfully attempted to avoid the collision, lost control and was thrown from the motorcycle. The deer was also killed.

Medics with the La Pine Fire department responded to render aid, but Andresen did not survive his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

There were no apparent witnesses to the incident, said Lt. Utter, but motorists came upon the scene shortly after the accident occurred and called 9-1-1.

Based on the investigation the rider's speed appears to be a factor in the crash, although it is not believed that alcohol was involved.